



# Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 6, 2022

## First Sunday in Lent



### Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

<sup>1</sup> You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

<sup>2</sup> will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

<sup>10</sup> no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder,

the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

<sup>14</sup> Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

<sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble,

I will rescue them and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

FIRST SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a safe place for all people to worship  
regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to Vanderbilt! We rejoice that you are here to worship God with us. Children are important members of our faith community and are welcome in worship. Nursery ministry is also available. Please ask an usher if assistance is needed. As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the service. The asterisk (\*) in the bulletin indicates that the congregation is asked to stand as able. We use responsive or unison readings and prayers at different times. The leader will read the words in *italics*. The congregation reads the words in **bold print**.

#### Announcements

#### Moment for Mission

Stanard Swihart

**Prelude:** "Flute Sonata No. 7"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Largo & Allegro

Susan Norbeck, *Flute*

#### \* Call to Worship

*Gather to remember and share stories of faith;*

*Rejoice in the goodness of the loving God.*

**Before our stories began, there was God;**

**Through all our days, God walks with us.**

*Worship the one who gives and sustains life;*

*Sing praises to the one who is our refuge.*

**There is no place we can go where God is not;**

**Amid life's terror, God's promises hold true.**

*Let us worship God.*

\* Hymn #85: "What Wondrous Love is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession**

Sovereign God, we confess our desire to reshape your world to our own advantage. We are more concerned with what we eat than with who will get to eat today. Our own security is more important to us than the health and safety of all your children. The first fruits of our labor grace the altars of our own desires instead of honoring you. We prefer that you keep your distance from us unless we need you. We like promises without commands, gifts without responsibilities. O God, we confess that our ways don't work. Turn us around for true worship and service, as forgiven and forgiving people.

**Affirmation of Forgiveness**

*Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* Gloria Patri

Henry Greatorex

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**Moment for Children**

Heather Mikes

We invite children to gather up front for a special children's message. After we sing "Jesus Loves Me," children and youth ages PreK-3 through High School may go study, serve, pray and play together during Sunday school.

**Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

## Prayer of Illumination

### The First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

*26 When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

*4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' <sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: Sermon Series: Gathered Up in Jesus: "An Opportune Time"**

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**Solo: "Give Me Jesus"**

Traditional Spiritual

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.  
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. Nobody but Jesus.

### Offering

### \* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Pastoral Prayer

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### \* The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Words of Institution

### Distribution of the Bread and Cup

### Prayer after Communion

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* Hymn #513: "Let Us Break Bread Together"**

LET US BREAK BREAD

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain:*

When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees;

*Refrain*

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees;  
*Refrain*

**\* Commission and Blessing**

*Walk in the ways of God, rejoicing in God's goodness;  
The Most High will honor your calls and protect you.*

**We call on God's name as we scatter once more;  
Our prayers will continue in every day and place.**

*Alleluia.*

**Amen.**

**\* The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Postlude: "Flute Sonata No. 7"**

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

*Allegro*

Susan Norbeck, *Flute*

*Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.*

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor**  
**Stanard Swihart, Moment for Mission**  
**Mary Lynn Myers, Virtual worship Liturgist**  
**The Rev. Louis S. Thompson, Parish Associate**  
**Dr. James Cochran, Director of Music**, playing the  
**Richard & Patricia Fors Organ** given to the  
glory of God and in honor of James Cochran,  
Organist.  
**Heather Mikes, Director of Christian Education**  
**Michele Byrd, Soprano for virtual worship**

**The Chancel Choir, for Sunday worship**  
**Julie Carver, Pianist for Sunday worship**  
**Susan Norbeck, Flutist**  
**Greeters:** Priscilla Kutler & Jan Fern  
**Ushers:** Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro  
(*Head Ushers*), Joe Trees, Nellie Cummins, Rebecca  
Beavers, Doug Dunn, Patti Runkel, Joyce & Bill  
Dersch  
**Soundboard Operators:** Jim Hart & Victoria  
Bonavita

The flowers on the chancel  
are donated in loving memory of  
James and Gretchen Davison  
by the Rodino and Davison families.

Special thanks to the  
Deacons for sponsoring  
Fellowship Hour today.



If you wish to sponsor Fellowship Hour - you may either  
bring goodies OR donate \$50 to cover the cost. Either  
way, the Parish Life Team will take care of set up!

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK



SECOND SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

March 13:  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**First Reading:**  
**Genesis 15:1-6**  
**Gospel Reading:**  
**Luke 13:31-35**  
**Lenten Sermon Series:**  
**Gathered Up in Jesus**  
**Sermon:**  
**"Under the Wings"**

## MARCH IS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MONTH!

VPC has always been very involved with Habitat for Humanity. This month, we will spotlight this amazing organization in our Moment for Mission and work to raise funds to sponsor two houses! Everyone can be involved. Don't forget, you can help build homes on Wednesday mornings. Meet at the church at 7:30am!



**HABITAT  
MONTH**

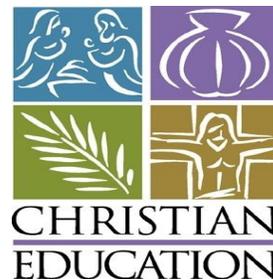
## VPC NEWS

**ANNUAL MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP:** The Session approved **March 6, 2022** as the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. The meeting will be held in-person immediately following the 10am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the next class of VPC officers (Elder, Deacon), members of the Congregational Nominations Committee, and Directors of the VPC Endowment Trust Board, approve the 2022 Terms of the Pastoral Call, and to receive the 2021 Annual Report.

## ANNUAL MEETING

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERINGS:

- **THE SUNDAY SEMINAR: "LOST SCRIPTURES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT"**  
You're invited to join the weekly conversation as we discuss some of these rejected scriptures, asking why were they excluded and what do they reveal about early Christianity. **Sunday, 11:15am**, Harp Hall led by Dr. John Braun.
- **AN EDUCATION OFFERING FOR MEN:** Journey with Matthew from the Birth to the Death of Jesus, The Messiah. A class for men on **Tuesdays at 9am** in Harp Hall.
- **PASTOR ROB'S BIBLE STUDY:** Gather for Adult Bible Study with Pastor Rob on **Wednesdays at 6pm** in Harp Hall.



"Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person."  
-Mr. Rogers

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS



March 9

Coffee Shop Night



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS—LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

It's Coffee Shop Night on **March 9** and we're celebrating the life and ministry of Mr. Rogers. "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Wear your favorite sweater or cardigan! Children and youth groups (ages PreK-3 through High School) will be learning about our mission work with Habitat for Humanity. They are collecting non-perishable foods and housewares to make gift baskets for new homeowners. WNL will meet on Wednesdays every two weeks (March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18). Dinner begins in Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm, followed by lessons and play from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

**JOIN THE WHOLISTIC HEALTH TEAM IN THE WALK TO JERUSALEM:** The Walk to Jerusalem is an imaginary walk that encourages walkers, and those who choose other forms of exercise to increase physical activity during Lent. Booklets and personal log sheets are available in the Narthex or online. This is a perfect opportunity to get EVERYONE involved, children, youth, adults...the entire VPC family!

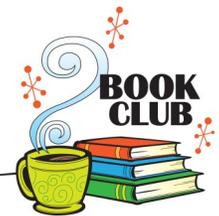


**PRAY AS WE ENHANCE OUR CAREGIVING SKILLS:**



Pray for our Stephen Minister trainees as they continue to enhance their caregiving skills. This week, they'll be learning about "Understanding Suicide: How to Help People Get the Care They Need." Stephen Ministers are never knowingly assigned to someone at possible risk of suicide, but it's important that they be able to recognize the signs of suicidal ideation, determine the level of risk, and connect the care receiver to a qualified professional as needed.

**VPC BLUE SHIRTS:** If you don't have a VPC blue shirt or hat and would like to have one, please call, text or email Ruth Felipe at 908-910-5091 or [ruthfelipe@aol.com](mailto:ruthfelipe@aol.com). She will be accepting orders until **March 13** with an estimated delivery by the end of March. Please be sure to leave your best contact number so she can get back to you for details.



**VPC BOOK CLUB:** On **March 21** we will meet in Harp Hall at 1:30pm to discuss *West With Giraffes*, by Lynda Rutledge. It is based on a true story of giraffes that survived the 1938 hurricane at sea, coming ashore in New York and then traveling across the US to the San Diego Zoo. If anyone would like to be our leader for discussion, let Peggy Landon know ([mldandon711@gmail.com](mailto:mldandon711@gmail.com)).

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:** Complete information can be found in the Week at a Glance email 3/7.

- Weekend Power Pack - March 23 - Packing event - VPC at 10:30am
- Café of Life - March 25 - Fruit Blessing - Leitner Park - 9:15am
- Collier Harvest - March 28 - Packing event - Collier Harvest Warehouse - 5pm



**FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND**

	<b>January</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
Operating Income	\$184,825	\$132,100
Expenses	\$ 96,146	\$106,700
Deo Mortgage Balance 1/31/2022		\$229,655

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

If you have a relative or friend in the military, please let the church have their name/address. We think it is important to keep in contact with those who serve our country. Thank you.

**ENSIGN Francis Alvares**

US Navy, Pensacola, FL  
(Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)

**MSgt Kristopher Chesslo**

USAF  
(Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)

**LTJG Wyatt R. Dawley**

US Navy Intel  
(Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)

**LCDR Adam Endrelunas**

US Navy  
(Cherie & Dave Baines' son-in-law)

**MAJ Allen Fujinaka**

US Army  
(LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)

**CPTN Jennifer Giles**

USMC, Philippines  
(Mary Giles' granddaughter)

**CPTN Jeremy Giles**

US Army Special Forces,  
Ft. Bragg, NC (Mary Giles' grandson)

**LT Col. Jessica D. Grassetti**

(Claudia Polzin's niece)

**MAJ Robert Gruber, USMC**

**LT CDR Marjorie Gruber, US Navy**

Camp Pendleton, CA  
(Bob Gruber son & daughter-in-law)

**E-3 Jacob Guzman**

US Army—USA  
(Cesar Guzman's son)

**CPTN Devon Hennessey**

Korea  
(Toni Hubbard)

**Nolan Kelly**

US Army - Private First Class  
Fort Sill, OK

**Christian Kurz**

US Navy, USS Nitze  
(Joyce Geary's great nephew)

**LT Kevin McCormick**

US Army - USA  
(Friend of Dick & Sharon Learn)

**Austin Schwartz**

USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA  
(Patricia Schwartz's grandson)

**MAJ Matthew Smith,**

USMC, Kuwait  
(Son of Linda Smith)

**1st LT Andrew P. Vadyak**

USMC  
Okinawa, Japan  
**Hadley Vadyak**  
USNA  
Class of 2020

## Happy Birthday!

\*Sonia McDonald 3/7  
 Margaret Swaby 3/7  
 Judy Malone 3/9  
 Bruce Baker 3/10  
 Riley Grider 3/10  
 Anna McDonough 3/11  
 \*Hattie Mikes 3/11  
 Libby Catanese 3/12  
 \*Pat Colby 3/12



### \*Birthday Club Members

Interested in joining the Club? Birthday Club Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day. The VPC Endowment Team uses the interest income from the Birthday Club exclusively for Youth Activities! Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

## Happy Anniversary!

John & Susanne Pender  
3/7

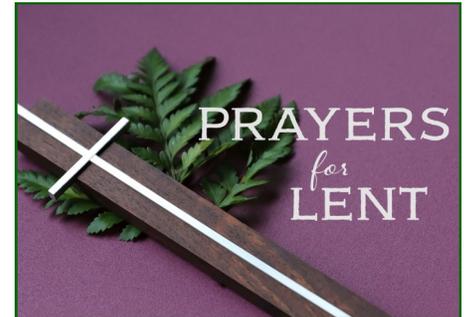


Happy Anniversary!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our church family and friends facing illness, injury and hardship. If you have any joys and/or concerns, let us know. They are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. If you are hospitalized, please let the facility know you are a member or friend of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church so they can let us know! Please note that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for a period of 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be submitted.

Courtney Gates	Marlene Everson	Abby Renie
Abraham	Jim & Wealtha Flick	Harold Soule
Cynthia Arnold	Jim Fligg	The Walters Family
Dakota Biery	Jim Folliard	Margaret Waters
The Bulloch and Collins Families	Jean Hahm	Geraldine Wearsch
Adriana Caruso	Mary Hart	
John Ciampi	Cherry & Phil Jacobus	
Mason & Pat Colby	Sandra Johnson	
Dick Creviston	Keira Krumbine	
Ron Davis	Jack Lucarelli	
	Judy Malone	



## VPC MISSION

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live like Christ in a broken world.  
 To Proclaim the Gospel  
 To Glorify God in worship and deed  
 To Equip our congregation for ministry  
 To Serve others in Christ's name.

## VPC VISION

A congregation...  
 ...so grounded in scripture and sustained by prayer,  
 ...so committed to spiritual growth and faithful discipleship,  
 ...so inviting, welcoming and inclusive,  
 ...so nurturing and healing,  
 ...so mission-minded,  
 ...so vibrant, energetic and open to opportunities to share the Gospel that lives are transformed by the love of Christ.



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